



## Policy Brief..... Conference Report Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Appropriations

### BY THE NUMBERS:

*Budget Authority in Thousands of Dollars*

	<b>FY '01 Enacted</b>	<b>FY '02 Request</b>	<b>FY '02 House</b>	<b>FY '02 Senate</b>	<b>FY '02 Conference</b>
Appropriations	16,661,741	14,891,059	14,892,240	15,574,747	15,299,424
Emergency Spending	720,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total General Purpose</b>	<b>17,012,000</b>	<b>14,891,059</b>	<b>14,892,575</b>	<b>15,574,747</b>	<b>15,299,424</b>

#### Excluding Emergency Spending, the Conference Report is:

- \$1.4 billion or 8.2% less than last year;
- \$408 million or 2.7% more than the request;
- \$407 million or 2.7% more than the House-passed bill; and
- \$275 million or 1.8% below the Senate-passed bill.

It should be noted that:

- 1) General Purpose Discretionary totaled **\$12.4 billion in Fiscal Year 2000**. The pending bill is a 23% increase over two years ago.
- 2) **Last year's level was inflated by several billion dollars in one-time spending for projects.**
- 3) The Appropriations has had less and less discretion over funding levels as a result of TEA-21 and AIR-21 which have mandated increases in spending.

# FUNDING SUMMARIES:

*Thousands of Dollars*

	FY 2001 ENACTED	FY 2002 REQUEST	FY 2002 HOUSE	FY 2002 SENATE	FY 2002 CONFERENCE	VERSUS ENACTED	VERSUS REQUEST
<b>Office of the Secretary</b>							
Salaries and expenses.....	63,106	69,500	68,446	67,349	67,778	7.40%	-2.48%
Office of civil rights.....	8,122	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	4.65%	0.00%
Transportation Security Administration.....	0	0	0	0	1,250,000		
Offsetting Fees.....	0	0	0	0	-1,250,000		
Transportation planning, research, and development.....	10,976	5,193	5,193	15,592	11,993	9.27%	130.95%
Minority business resource center program.....	1,896	900	900	900	900	-52.53%	0.00%
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(13,775)	(18,367)	(18,367)	(18,367)	(18,367)	33.34%	0.00%
Minority business outreach.....	2,993	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.23%	0.00%
Payments to air carriers.....	0	0	13,000	0	13,000		
<b>Total, Office of the Secretary.....</b>	<b>86,653</b>	<b>87,093</b>	<b>99,039</b>	<b>95,341</b>	<b>105,171</b>	<b>21.37%</b>	<b>20.76%</b>

	FY 2001 ENACTED	FY 2002 REQUEST	FY 2002 HOUSE	FY 2002 SENATE	FY 2002 CONFERENCE	VERSUS ENACTED	VERSUS REQUEST
<b>Coast Guard</b>							
Operating expenses.....	3,185,033	3,382,838	3,382,588	3,427,588	3,382,000	6.18%	-0.02%
Acquisition, construction, and improvements.....	414,131	659,323	600,000	669,323	636,354	53.66%	-3.48%
Environmental compliance and restoration.....	16,663	16,927	16,927	16,927	16,927	1.58%	0.00%
Alteration of bridges.....	15,465	15,466	15,466	15,466	15,466	0.01%	0.00%
Retired pay.....	778,000	876,346	876,346	876,346	876,346	12.64%	0.00%
Reserve training.....	80,199	83,194	83,194	83,194	83,194	3.73%	0.00%
Research, development, test, and evaluation.....	21,280	21,722	21,722	21,722	20,222	-4.97%	-6.91%
<b>Total, Coast Guard .....</b>	<b>4,612,663</b>	<b>5,055,816</b>	<b>4,996,243</b>	<b>5,101,866</b>	<b>5,030,509</b>	<b>9.06%</b>	<b>-0.50%</b>

	FY 2001 ENACTED	FY 2002 REQUEST	FY 2002 HOUSE	FY 2002 SENATE	FY 2002 CONFERENCE	VERSUS ENACTED	VERSUS REQUEST
Total, Federal Aviation Administration .....	12,074,303	12,956,781	12,973,761	13,044,088	12,978,280	7.49%	0.17%
Total, Federal Highway Administration .....	31,674,962	32,518,157	32,665,797	33,209,122	32,895,381	3.85%	1.16%
Total, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration .....	268,603	343,844	298,203	301,898	335,097	24.76%	-2.54%
Total, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.....	402,988	419,000	419,420	427,015	423,264	5.03%	1.02%
Total, Federal Railroad Administration .....	743,978	651,258	684,412	755,158	733,633	-1.39%	12.65%
Total, Federal Transit Administration.....	6,253,863	6,747,000	6,747,000	6,847,000	6,747,000	7.89%	0.00%
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.....	12,975	13,345	13,426	13,345	13,345	2.85%	0.00%
Total, Research and Special Programs Administration....	80,519	83,951	85,162	100,943	95,729	18.89%	14.03%
Inspector General.....	49,344	52,614	50,614	50,614	50,614	2.57%	-3.80%
Surface Transportation Board.....	17,017	17,507	17,613	17,507	17,507	2.88%	0.00%
National Transportation Safety Board.....	62,953	64,480	66,400	70,000	68,000	8.02%	5.46%
	16,661,741	14,891,059	14,892,240	15,574,747	15,299,424	-8.18%	2.74%
	-1,362,317	408,365	407,184	-275,323			

	FY 2001 ENACTED	FY 2002 REQUEST	FY 2002 HOUSE	FY 2002 SENATE	FY 2002 CONFERENCE	VERSUS ENACTED	VERSUS REQUEST
<b>Amtrak</b>							
Capital grants to Amtrak .....	520,329	521,476	521,476	521,476	521,476	0.22%	0.00%
Amtrak Reform Council.....	748	785	785	420	225	-69.92%	-71.34%

**NOTE:** The Amtrak Reform Council recently issued an order stating that Amtrak was incapable of becoming self-sufficient (as required by law) and requiring Amtrak to prepare a liquidation plan to be submitted to Congress (as proscribed by law). In addition, the Council is required under law to submit to Congress its own plan for Amtrak. The 70% cut in funding for the Amtrak Reform Council may make it impossible for the council to complete its study recommending reforms to Congress.

## EARMARKS:

The bill continues to include earmarks worth in total billions of dollars.

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